

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A process for incorporating ZnO particles in a cosmetic composition comprised of solid asymmetric particles, comprising:

Melting said solid asymmetric particles to form melted fatty acid;

Adding un-coated ZnO particles to said melted fatty acid to form a mixture of ZnO and fatty acid;

Heating said mixture to a temperature of less than about 80°C for about 5 to about 10 minutes;

Cooling said mixture to a temperature of about 50°C, thereby quenching any reaction between said ZnO and said fatty acid.

2-3 (cancelled)

4. (original) The process according to claim 1, wherein said ZnO has a particle size diameter of less than about 500 nm.
5. (original) The process according to claim 1, wherein said ZnO has a particle size diameter of less than about 200 nm.
6. (original) The process according to claim 1, wherein said solid asymmetric particles are comprised of stearic acid.
7. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein said solid asymmetric particles comprise about 10 % to about 25 % by weight of said composition.
8. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein said heating temperature is about 60°C to about 70°C.
9. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein said ZnO reacts with said fatty acid and said reaction is controlled to a conversion of about 5 % to about 10 % of said ZnO.

10-20. (canceled)

21. (new) The process according to claim 1 wherein the solid asymmetric particles are solid asymmetric fatty acid particles.
22. (new) The process according to claim 1 wherein from about 0.1 to about 10% by weight ZnO particles are added to make the cosmetic composition incorporating ZnO particles.
23. (new) The process according to claim 1 wherein from about 1 to about 4% by weight ZnO particles are added to make the cosmetic composition incorporating ZnO particles.